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**THE PEARL DIVERS' STRENUOUS LIFE.** As conducted in the Pearl Town, Ceylon, this vocation must indeed be a strenuous one for those engaged. We have been reading recently a most interesting account of a diver's life, in which we learned that his day's work commences at 2 a. m., and the rising sun finds him already making for his fishing banks. The desired spot reached, he furls the enormous lateen sail of his boat and stows it along the boom over which the diver's many colored garments hang in the sun to warm; the center of the deck holds large baskets and sieves for the oysters, while the temporary bulwarks enable the "manduks" to attend to the diver's needs while he is under water.

The pearl diver drops over the side, plants his feet on his sink stone, grasps its rope in his hands, takes a mighty breath of air, and shoots down feet foremost to the bottom. He can be watched through thirty feet of absolutely clear blue water. He leaves his stone, but maintains his hand line in his hand, while his "manduk" on deck holds the other end; half crawling, half swimming, like a big black frog, he gropes over the sea bottom, gathering in the oysters as he moves.

Suddenly the line quivers, the "manduk" hauls in, and a dripping head, gasping frantically for air, shoots up from the depth. Eighty five seconds since he went down those thirty feet, working hard the whole time for his fat haul of oysters. A slight pause for air, and down he goes again. Thus with short periods of rest the divers work all the morning until the noonday gun stops all fishing for the day.

Then it is up anchor and a wild race for home follows. The boats land, and the divers hurry off to the government yards with their takes. Each diver divides his oysters into three equal portions, any two of which the government servants take as the government property, the third being the diver's share. These are stowed in sheds and left to rot until nothing is left but dry oyster shell, sand and pearls.

**RIGHT TO FISH IN PONDS.** The right of the public to fish in New Hampshire ponds having an area of ten acres or more, constituting public waters, is upheld in a decision just handed down by Judge Pitman of the United States circuit court of appeals in the famous Percy Summer Club case, which has been before the courts for a number of years.

The club owns a large tract of land in the northern part of the State, surrounding a pond of more than ten acres in area, and sought to prevent any but members of the club from fishing in this pond. This attempt was resented by the residents of the vicinity, and the matter was taken into court.

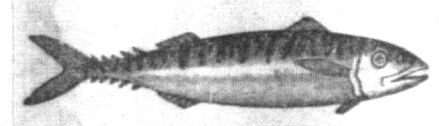
This decision will be hailed with delight by the large number of summer tourists as well as the natives of the Granite State in that vicinity, and the fishing privileges will be well improved.

# LARGE TRIP OF BIG FISH.

Sch. Nellie Dixon at New York with 250 Barrels.

BAD WEATHER OUT SOUTH.

Several Vessels Land Small Fares at Breakwater.



A special to the TIMES this morning states that sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis, of Boston, arrived at Fulton Market at 8.30 o'clock with 200 barrels of fresh bloater mackerel. This is the biggest trip of large fish thus far this season. The dealers are anxious for big fish, so these will bring a good price, which means a big stock for Capt. Ellis and will make a fine starter for his season's work.

A special to the TIMES this morning states that the following vessels were at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, yesterday, and shipped the following fares to Fulton Market, New York:

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Benjamin Spurling, 33 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, 17 barrels large fresh mackerel. This is the maiden trip of this new craft.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, six barrels large fresh mackerel.

Since last Sunday, the weather out to the southward has been bad, the wind blowing a gale most of the time.

Fishermen who have come home from New York report that the small fish are wild, but that the large fish are still wilder.

The salt mackerel disposed of at New York have brought about \$8 per barrel. One lot of 31 barrels sold for \$250 and other sales were made at \$8 even. The fish go about 350 count.

A special to the TIMES from its New York correspondent says that in conversation with Capt. Ellis of sch. Nellie Dixon, the latter told him that the fare was taken Monday night in latitude 38.12. A large fleet was in the vicinity but he was nearest to the school and got to it first and was able to make the haul. He estimates that there were fully 400 barrels in the school, but some of them escaped and he was able to save 250 barrels.

The Dixon also had 40 barrels of salt mackerel, which were sold to Thomas Woodward & Son at a price to be agreed upon later.

The fresh mackerel brought in are extra large, going between four and five pounds each, and sold at 30 cents each.

The fish, according to this report of our correspondent, are much larger than any of the large ones landed previously this season. These latter went about two and a half to three pounds each, so these fish of Capt. Ellis's are about twice as large and are veritable "bloaters," as the TIMES' first despatch said.

The vessel probably has about 15,000 of these fish in count, and at the price mentioned will make by far the largest trip of the season and one of the largest ever made in southern mackerel fishery.

Up to this time last year, 84 barrels of fresh mackerel had been landed by the southern seining fleet, one trip at Fortress Monroe landed by Capt. Solomon Jacobs in sch. Veda M. McKown, and the other, the first at New York, a year ago today, by sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, 50 barrels.

Thus far this season, a little over 4000 barrels have been landed, the average price being about \$10 per barrel, so the fleet is about \$40,000 better off now than it was last year at this time, and in addition has the knowledge that they have found the small fish, which usually mean fish on the shore in the summer time.

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## SPRAY HERE AGAIN.

Otter Trawler Brought Another Trip to This Port To Split.

The steam otter trawler Spray of Boston, which was here about three weeks ago, bringing her fare from Boston to Cunningham & Thompson to split, arrived here from Boston last night. She has 100,000 pounds of fresh fish on board, and the same firm bought them to split, the market in Boston not being able to take care of them yesterday. This is the only trip the Spray has made since she was here before.

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## CREW SHARED WELL.

Capt. Charles Malmberg Made Good Start on First Trip.

The crew of the little Georges halibuter Tecumseh of Duxbury, Capt. Charles Malmberg of this city, share \$70 as the result of their recent trip landed at Boston a few days ago. This is Capt. Malmberg's first trip as skipper, and it was made in quick time, 18,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of cod being landed and the time gone being only two weeks. The captain was warmly congratulated by many of his friends on his good start.

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## Spray Is at Boston.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at Boston this morn with 105,000 pounds of fresh fish. She has been gone 18 days.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Shepherd King, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steam otter trawler Spray, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
- Sch. Giralda, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Hope, via Boston.
- Sch. Seacomet, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.10; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cents for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.



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Salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, \$2.25.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.  
Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.25; snappers, \$2.00.

**Boston.**

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 5,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50.

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# TO PRESENT EVIDENCE.

**Congressman Gardner Will See Sec Root Today.**

**WILL URGE FORMAL PROTEST**

**Regarding Fines Imposed On Captains at Newfoundland.**

Representative A. P. Gardner Wednesday received the court records in the cases of the captains of schs. Elector and A. E. Whyland of this port, who were recently fined by the Newfoundland authorities. Mr. Gardner will present the evidence to Secretary of State Root today with a view to having the state department formally protest to Great Britain against the fining of Capt. Clayton and Capt. Fred Morrissey.

When asked about the character of the evidence in the case Mr. Gardner said:

"The records show that the Gloucester men were fined for violating a regulation under a law passed in 1898, 89 years subsequent to the fisheries' treaty between Great Britain and this country. There can be no defence of such an action, because Lord Salisbury decided in a previous case that the Newfoundland authorities had no right to control or limit our treaty rights in the north Atlantic by legislation passed subsequent to the ratification of the treaty in question."

Mr. Gardner believes that he has a clear case.

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Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ramona, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. John M. Keen, shore.  
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.

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Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Gov. Russell, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 18,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Albert Geiger, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Harrie M. Young, 5000 haddock.  
Sch. Diana, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2700 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock.  
Sch. Seacornett, 12,000 haddock.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Quartette, 5500 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 cod.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, \$1.25.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Ella G. King was at Edgartown on Wednesday and baited with alewives.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt left Canso, N. S., for the Magdalenes for bait on Monday.

Sch. Dictator was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Schs. Preceptor, Gossip, Essex, Squanto, J. J. Flaherty, Helen F. Whitten, Elizabeth N. and Theodore Roosevelt passed north by Port Mulgrave on Monday, bound to the Magdalenes for bait. Sch. Admiral Dewey also passed north the same day.

Sch. Independence II. was at Canso, N. S., Tuesday and sailed for the Magdalenes.

Sch. Meteor was at Louisburg, C. B., on Saturday.

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**COMPLETED HIS CASE.**

**Congressman Gardner Conferred with Secretary Root Yesterday.**

A Washington, D. C., despatch of last night says: "Congressman Gardner yesterday conferred with Secretary Root relative to the case of the American fishing smacks seized by the Newfoundland authorities recently for trawling within the shore waters. Mr. Gardner has now completed the submission of his case and expects Secretary Root to protest to the British government against the action of the Newfoundland officials as a distinct violation of the rights conveyed to American fishermen by the treaty of 1818."

This despatch refers to the case of the captains of schs. Elector and A. E. Whyland of this port. Neither vessel was seized.

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**DOGFISH BILL DEAD.**

**Laid Away for This Year At Least.**

**Appropriation in Economical Year Given as Reason.**

A. Maurice Low wires the Boston Globe as follows:

"The dogfish bill is dead for this session of congress at least. This is agreed by its staunchest friends. The merchant committee is opposed to the measure because it carries an appropriation of \$25,000 in this year of economy. It was proposed to use the money to experiment with dogfish with a view to turning this voracious creature into food, oil, leather, fertilizer and other useful articles."

Another Washington despatch says that Congressman Greene has been assured that his bill will not be reported this year.

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**PLAN GIVEN UP.**

**Steamer Manhattan Will Go Direct to West Coast.**

The steamer Manhattan, owned by the New England Fish Co., which came on to Boston recently fresh from the builder's hands to fit out for some summer and fall trips to the Atlantic halibut grounds, will not make the trips as proposed, but will fit out immediately for a journey around Cape Horn to Vancouver. On her arrival there, she will engage in the Pacific halibut fishery, for which she was built.

It was the intention of the company to fish here until fall and then start her for the west coast, where she was to remain, but the change in the programme was caused because a gang of halibut catchers could not be shipped on the lay on which it was proposed to send the craft.

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**Halibut Sale.**

The fire of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.